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"The Tasmanians, like some other savage races, were in the habit of abandoning the sick and infirm; Widowson informing us (p. 191), that 'those who are aged or diseased, are left in hollow trees, or under the ledges of rocks, to pine and die. Backhouse confirms this (p. 84), and further tells us that, 'when any of these people fall sick in their native state, so as to be unable to accompany the others in their daily removals, they are furnished with...food...and a bundle of the leaves of Mesembryanthemum equilaterale, ... which the natives use as a purgative; and they are left to perish, unless they recover in time to follow the others.' This custom was but the necessary result of their wandering life; for as [74] West points out (p. 90), 'their tribes could neither convey them, nor wait for their recovery.' He adds, that 'this custom was modified by circumstances, and sometimes by the relatives of the sufferer.'"